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FOR: USE OF NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR
STIMULATORS FOR THE
TREATMENT OF OPHTHALMIC
NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the official action mailed February 22, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 - 7.

8. A method for the treatment of retina or optic nerve head neuropathy which comprises administering to a mammal a composition comprising an effective amount of one or more neurotrophic factor stimulator(s) and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

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9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 8, wherein the neurotrophic factor stimulator is selected from the group consisting of: AIT-082 (neotrofin), ONO-2506, CB-1093, NS521 ((1-(1-butyl)-4-(2-oxo-1-benzimidazolone) piperidine, SS-701, KT-711 and clenbuterol..